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Dear Professor Lederberg !

As here in Germany there is not much interest for bacterial genetics - Prof. Heilmeyer / Freiburg spoke most frankly about this omission of the german bacteriologists in his great speech about the resistance of the tubercle bacilli against^s bacteriostatica and antibiotics - and as you are the leading authority in this sphere, I am sending you a manuscript and request you, if you see fit, to forward it to some genetical journal. If translation into english is necessary, could this be done over there ? I should be prepared to make some abbreviations of some passages (relations to metazoon inheritance and of cytoplasmic inheritance). As I am retired and have no laboratory at my disposal, I can't do any further research work myself. It would be interesting to try a transplantation of the gene or genecomplex for the "Kapselbildung" from the typical bacillus to the "kapsellose Mutante".- In order to let you know that I have worked in heredity matters for many years, I am sending you some of my former publications. - Prof. H.J.Muller has recommendedⁿ me to turn to you in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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